Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Has the Government any approximate idea of the speech ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The member may refer to "The Hindu" or "The Madras Mail" of that date.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: "സ്റ്റിച്ച്" സാധാരണ കളക്ഠ്റേ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: അങ്ങിനെയൊന്നും ചെയ്യാറില്ല.

HEAD-MISTRESS, GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, TRICHUR—QUALIFICATIONS OF

66. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the qualification prescribed for the post of the Head-mistress, Girls' Industrial School, Trichur, by the General Standing Orders or by other Government Proceedings;

(*b*) who is the present incumbent to the above said post; what are her qualifications;

(*c*) who was in the post previous to the appointment of the present incumbent to the said post; what were her qualifications ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) None.

(*b*) Mrs. T. K. Sankara Menon, B.A., Madras University, History and Economics.

(*c*) Miss A. Meyer. Trained Matriculate. Passed Free-hand Model Drawing (Ele. Grade), Trained in Theorythm, trained in plain and fancy works and trained in Girl guiding.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* How many applicants were there for this post, may I know ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Five.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know the names and their respective qualifications ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are.—

(1) Sri. I. Kamalam Amma. Her qualifications are M. Sc., of the Benares Hindu University, under-gone training in Industrial School subjects has an elementary knowledge of Needle-work, Crochet, and Embroidery

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and got a first class prize in knitting from the Benares Hindu University.

(2) Mrs. Ittianam Mathew, B. A., L. T., (Madras) M. A., Dip., Ed., (Columbia). Has been running Ikkadu Industrial Home, has done a little Embroidery and studied their work in progress for a short time. Has had experience of literary teaching (Mathematics). Has organised a Women's Industrial Home at Kunnamkulam.

(3) Mrs. Anne Chandy, B. A., L. T. Undergone training in tailoring in Madras. Undergone training in House-keeping, Nursing Geography, Girl guiding (extra curricular activities suitable for literary schools). Has appeared for 4 subjects of the Final Industrial Examination this year.

(4) Sry. V. Madhavi Amma, B. A., (Ec.). Final Industrial Examination in knitting and pillow lace. Undergone training in Needle-work subjects and Weaving in the Abalasaranam Industrial School, Ernakulam. Has appeared for the remaining 3 subjects of the Final Industrial Examination this year.

and (5) Mrs. T. K. Sankara Menon, B. A., (History and Economics).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether Mrs. T. K. Sankara Menon was employed in the Government service and what was her pay ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* She was a mistress in the Ernakulam Girls' High School and was drawing Rs. 80.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know how many years' service has she put in ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* She was in the service for sometime. Then she resigned, and again she was re-entertained after her husband's death. Now it is about 8 or 9 months.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Has she any special qualification to hold this post ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No special qualification is prescribed for this post.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does the Hon'ble Minister say that for the post in the Industrial School, no special qualification is required ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This is more of an administrative and supervision work. As a matter of fact none of them possessed the requisite qualifications for the post of a Head-mistress of an Industrial School, if you are going to insist upon those qualifications.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, how many years' service Mrs. Anne Chandy has put in ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice. I think she has put in 15 or 16 years.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I take it that no qualification connected with industry is necessary for appointment to this post ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No qualification is prescribed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Out of the 3 or 5 candidates mentioned here, may I know, whether the candidate appointed, possesses the highest qualification so far as that particular department is concerned ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* So there were other candidates who had better Industrial qualifications ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The truth of the matter is, all these qualifications are only got by a little training for two or three months. They are not employed as specialists. They are employed as Head-mistresses, to generally supervise and control the institution. They do not teach special subjects in industrial subjects unlike a Wearing Mistress or a mat-making mistress. Therefore, Government have not laid down any rule or any minimum industrial qualification for holding this post. That is the position.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I can understand that. Does the Government concede that industrial qualification will be helpful for this post ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. I can concede.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* If that is so, why, when there were candidates having better industrial qualifications, Mrs. Sankara Menon was preferred.

Mr. President : It was very difficult to note whether any particular candidate had better qualifications than the others.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government considered her case sympathetically, in view of the fact that her husband passed away in harness ?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. That fact also was considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the Government show such considerations in all cases where the husband passes away while in service ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: I think Government generally do show such considerations.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If that is the thing there is the end of the whole matter there.

Mr. President: That was one of the considerations that weighed with us in making this appointment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I would suggest then that she could have been appointed in some High School or College. In an Industrial School like this, a woman with some industrial qualifications like Mrs. Anne Chandy, should have been appointed.

COLLECTION OF WATER-CESS FROM CULTIVATORS—PRIVATE ANICUT OWNERS—REGULATION OF

67. Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many private anicut owners are there in the Tamil Division of the Chittur Taluk;

(*b*) is it not a fact that they collect two *paras* of paddy per *para* of double crop land and one and a half *para* of paddy per *para* of single crop land;

(*c*) if so, is it not the duty of the Government to lighten the burden of the poor cultivators, by purchasing the rights of the private anicut owners;

(*d*) again, is it a fact that they collect water-cess at the above rates in *paras* which measure full 14 measures a *para*;

(*e*) what steps will the Government be pleased to take to alleviate the miseries of the cultivators from the grinding tyranny of the private anicut owners and iniquitous one-sided contracts entered into by the cultivators with their masters;

(*f*) is it a fact that one Thangaprakasa Nayakam of Palaniyarpalayam is the biggest anicut owner of the above description who collects water-cess at the above rates in huge *paras* which measure full 14 measures ?

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